Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 2600
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended):   A method of sharing a video segment over a computer network, the network comprising a receiving computer and a plurality of other computers including a destination computer, the method comprising the steps of:

(a)   receiving at the receiving computer the video segment and an election to share with an authorized user the video segment as a greeting ~~card~~ sent over the computer network from one of the plurality of other computers;

(b)   performing automatically at the receiving computer, in direct response to a command received over the network, the steps of:

(b1)   ~~assuring that~~ converting the video segment ~~is in~~ into a streaming video format;

(b2)   creating at least an identification tag for ~~the~~ identifying the video segment ~~to identify the video segment~~, the identification tag ~~including~~ consisting of a uniform resource locator (URL) identifying a network-accessible location of the video segment;

(b3)   storing the video segment under the control of the receiving computer in the streaming video format at the network-accessible location; and

(b4)   ~~returning~~ transmitting the identification tag to the one of the plurality of other computers in an electronic mail communication;

(c)   receiving ~~the identification tag~~ at the receiving computer a request for the video segment by identification of the network-accessible location; and

(d)   in response to the receipt of the ~~identification tag~~ request at the receiving computer and verification at the receiving computer that the ~~identification tag~~ request was sent from the authorized user ~~at the receiving computer~~, streaming the video segment in the streaming video format over the network to the destination computer.

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Claim 2 (Original):   The method of claim 1, further comprising causing the video segment to be displayed at the destination computer.

Claim 3 (Original):   The method of claim 1, wherein the video segment comprises an image with associated audio information.

Claims 4-5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Original):   The method of claim 1, wherein the computer network comprises a cellular communication connection.

Claim 7 (Original):   The method of claim 1, wherein the computer network comprises a wireless networking connection.

Claims 8-12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Currently Amended):   The method of claim 1, wherein step (a) comprises receiving the video segment which is sent in association with an upload form residing on a World Wide Web (Web) page.

Claim 14 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein step (a) comprises receiving the video segment which is sent in association with a File Transfer Protocol (FTP) transfer.

Claim 15 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein step (a) comprises receiving the video segment which includes information supplied by a sender at the one of the plurality of other computers.

Claim 16 (Original): The method of claim 15, where the information comprises information describing a streaming format into which the receiving computer converts the video segment.

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Claim 17 (Original): The method of claim 15, wherein the information comprises an identification of the sender.

Claim 18 (Original): The method of claim 17, wherein the identification of the sender comprises a proper name.

Claim 19 (Original): The method of claim 17, wherein the identification of the sender comprises a username.

Claim 20 (Original): The method of claim 17, wherein the identification of the sender comprises a password.

Claim 21 (Original): The method of claim 15, wherein the information comprises a return address of the sender.

Claim 22 (Original): The method of claim 21, wherein the return address comprises an e-mail address.

Claim 23.(Original): The method of claim 15, wherein the information comprises an identifier of the video segment.

Claim 24 (Original): The method of claim 23, wherein the identifier comprises a title.

Claim 25 (Original): The method of claim 23, wherein the identifier comprises a name.

Claim 26 (Original): The method of claim 23, wherein the identifier comprises a date the video segment was produced.

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Claim 27 (Original): The method of claim 23, wherein the identifier comprises a location relating to the video segment.

Claim 28 (Original): The method of claim 23, wherein the identifier comprises a subject relating to the video segment.

Claim 29 (Original): The method of claim 15, wherein the information comprises a comment about the video segment.

Claim 30 (Original): The method of claim 15, wherein the information comprises a period of time during which the video segment will be available.

Claim 31 (Original): The method of claim 15, wherein the information comprises information relating to a priority order of processing a video segment by the receiving computer.

Claim 32 (Original): The method of claim 15, wherein the information comprises an instruction for transmittal of a response.

Claim 33 (Original): The method of claim 32, wherein the instruction comprises a formatting instruction.

Claim 34 (Original): The method of claim 32, wherein the instruction comprises a speed of transmission.

Claim 35 (Original): The method of claim 32, wherein the instruction comprises a transmission protocol to be used.

Claim 36 (Original): The method of claim 32, wherein the instruction comprises a format of a physical medium to be used in sending a physical machine-readable copy of the video segment.

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Claim 37 (Original): The method of claim 32, wherein the instruction comprises a resolution of the video segment.

Claim 38 (Original): The method of claim 32, wherein the instruction comprises an image quality of the video segment.

Claim 39 (Original): The method of claim 32, wherein the instruction comprises a display format of the video segment on a destination computer.

Claim 40 (Original): The method of claim 15, wherein the information comprises financial information.

Claim 41 (Original): The method of claim 40, wherein the financial information comprises a credit card number.

Claim 42 (Original): The method of claim 40, wherein the financial information comprises a financial account identifier.

Claims 43-84 (Cancelled)

Claim 85 (Currently Amended): A method for operating a video-sharing server on a network comprising the steps of:

receiving a video, an election to share with an authorized user the video as a greeting card, and an electronic mail address of the authorized user;

confirming that converting the video is in into a streaming video format;

storing the video at a network-accessible location;

generating an identification tag including a link to the network-accessible location;

generating an electronic communication formed as a the greeting card containing the link and addressed to the electronic mail address; and

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transmitting the electronic communication <u>to the authorized user</u>.

Claim 86 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 85 wherein receiving the video includes at least one of receiving an FTP upload, receiving an HTTP post, receiving an electronic mail, and receiving an instant message.

Claim 87 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 85 further comprising publishing the link to a Web page.

Claim 88 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 85 further comprising receiving a mailing list including a plurality of e-mail addresses and transmitting the electronic message to the plurality of e-mail addresses.

Claim 89 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 85 wherein link includes one or more of a path, a URL, an IP address, and a file name.

Claim 90 (Currently Amended): A method for operating a video-sharing server on a network comprising <u>the steps of</u>:
    receiving a video, an election to share with an authorized user the video as a greeting ~~card~~, and a cellular phone address of the authorized user;
    ~~confirming that~~ <u>converting</u> the video ~~is in~~ <u>into</u> a streaming video format;
    storing the video at a network-accessible location;
    generating an identification tag including a link to the network-accessible location;
    generating an electronic communication formed as the greeting ~~card~~ and containing the link and addressed to the cellular phone address; and
    transmitting the electronic communication.

Claim 91 (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the greeting is a greeting card.